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SUBJECT: NPG: GUIDANCE FOR 19 SEPT STAFF GROUP MEETING

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151845Z SEPT; (C) STATE 205765 DTG 282330Z 75 AUG;(D)USNATO  
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1. NPG (STAFF GROUP) WP(75)7 REVISED: THE PAPER IS WELL-  
STRUCTURED AND SEEMS SUITABLE AS A COMPILATION OF NATO NUC-  
LEAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURES. ON PG 7 PARA 4(D) INSERT AF-  
TER "HOW" THE WORDS "AND WHEN." REASON: THE CONSULTATIVE  
ASPECT OF CNI INCLUDES NOT ONLY THE ISSUES OF HOW AND TO  
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WHOM A DECISION IS TO BE COMMUNICATED, BUT ALSO THE CRITICAL

ASPECT OF TIMING, WHICH IS OTHERWISE MISSING FROM THIS SHORT TITLE.

2. DRAFT AGENDA FOR HAMBURG NPG, REF B: REF C, PARA 2, SUGGESTED THAT A SHORT UPDATE ON STRATEGIC BALANCE COULD BE PROVIDED. WHILE WE ARE NOT PRESSING FOR SUCH A BRIEFING, OFFER TO PROVIDE IT STANDS IF ALLIES DESIRE TO RECEIVE IT. REMAINDER OF REF B SEEMS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE STARTING POINT FOR AGENDA DEVELOPMENT.

3. UK OUTLINE FOR A STUDY OF NIKE HERCULES, REF D: YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A MILITARY REVIEW OF AIR DEFENSE IN ACE WHICH WOULD EXAMINE TOTAL COUNTER-AIR CAPABILITY AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF NIKE HERCULES (REF E) RATHER THAN A CONCENTRATION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE AS SUGGESTED BY UK. HOWEVER, IF CONSENSUS DEVELOPS THAT A SHORTER STUDY COULD BE PROFITABLY CONDUCTED IN NPG RATHER THAN AWAITING STUDIES IN OTHER FORA, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXAMINE HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE RATHER THAN CREATE THE IMPRESSION OF OBSTRUCTING A STUDY IN AREA OF INTEREST TO THE NPG. FYI: WE ARE CURIOUS AS TO UK MOTIVES IN PROMOTING NIKE HERCULES STUDY, PARTICULARLY ON HEELS OF TWO SACEUR EVALUATIONS OF SAME SUBJECT (PER SHAPE/ATOMAL/001/75, DTG 17 JAN 1975, ANNEX A, AND APRIL FOLLOWUP). WOULD APPRECIATE MIS- SION READING OF UK PREDISPOSITION ON THE SUBJECT. END FYI

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